



From the Director of Victim Services

August 7, 2020 marked a somber anniversary for the Tennessee Department of Correction. It was on this day, one year ago, that our beloved Correctional Administrator Debra Johnson was killed in the line of duty. To commemorate the day and to ensure that the sacrifices of CA Johnson are never forgotten, the department paused at 8:10 a.m. (CST) for a moment of silence. There were also memorial services held across the state that included a balloon release.

Ms. Johnson led a distinguished career over her 38-years of service to the Department of Correction and Tennessee Prison for Women (TPFW). She joined the facility as a correctional officer in 1981.

Ms. Johnson rose through the ranks to Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Unit Manager between 1986-2005. She was promoted to Deputy Warden of the Tennessee Prison for Women in 2005 and in 2009 she was named Deputy Warden of the Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility. In 2011, Ms. Johnson was promoted to Warden of the Tennessee Prison for Women and in 2013 she was named Warden of the Turney Center Industrial Complex. In 2016, she was promoted to Correctional Administrator and oversaw all facilities in West Tennessee.

To honor her legacy and dedication to the department, Governor Lee signed executive order #56 renaming Tennessee Prison for Women as the Debra K. Johnson Rehabilitation Center.

Sadly, this is a difficult month for our agency. On August 9, we remembered the sacrifices of Correctional Officer Wayne "Cotton" Morgan, who was killed in the line of duty on August 9, 2005. Officer Morgan was a 28-year veteran of the Department of Correction and a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War.

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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

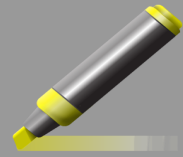
Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

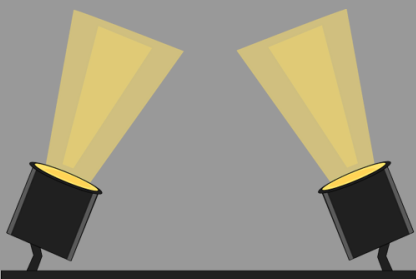
Victims Services Highlights....Let's meet



Victim Services often receive phone calls and emails from victims and the public regarding inmates with cell phones and Facebook pages etc. When we receive these calls/emails we reach out to our Office Of Investigations and

Conduct Division. We had a call last month that lead to the search of an inmate and two phones were found along with security threat group (STG) documentation. Agent Demario Avery assisted Victim Services with the compliant and spoke to the victim.

Agent Avery has 15 years of law enforcement experience which includes Basic Patrol, Narcotics, Gangs, Drug Investigations, and Special Investigations. I have worked in municipal, county, state and federal government law enforcement capacities. I'm a person of few words. I believe my reputation and work ethic should speak volumes for me. I'm a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and I love being a part of Team TDOC.



How Crime Victims React to Trauma

What is it?

Many crimes involve the use of force or violence against victims. Crime victims of all types of crime may experience **trauma** - physical damage to their bodies or emotional wounds or shock caused by the violence against them. Reactions to trauma vary from person to person and can last for hours, days, weeks, months, or years. **Physical trauma:** Crime victims may experience physical trauma—serious injury or shock to the body, as from a major accident. Victims may have cuts, bruises, fractured arms or legs, or internal injuries. They may have intense stress reactions: their breathing, blood pressure, and heart rate may increase, and their muscles may tighten. They may feel exhausted but unable to sleep, and they may have headaches, increased or decreased appetites, or digestive problems. **Emotional trauma:** Victims may experience emotional trauma—emotional wounds or shocks that may have long-lasting effects. Emotional trauma may take many different forms:

Shock or numbness: Victims may feel “frozen” and cut off from their own emotions. Some victims say they feel as if they are “watching a movie” rather than having their own experiences. Victims may not be able to make decisions or conduct their lives as they did before the crime.

Denial, Disbelief, and Anger: Victims may experience “denial,” an unconscious defense against painful or unbearable memories and feelings about the crime. Or they may experience disbelief, telling themselves, “this just could not have happened to me!” They may feel intense anger and a desire to get even with the offender.

Acute Stress Disorder: Some crime victims may experience trouble sleeping, flash-backs, extreme tension or anxiety, outbursts of anger, memory problems, trouble concentrating, and other symptoms of distress for days or weeks following a trauma. A person may be diagnosed as having acute stress disorder (ASD) if these or other mental disorders continue for a minimum of two days to up to four weeks within a month of the trauma. If these symptoms persist after a month, the diagnosis becomes posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).



TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls	July
Phone calls Received/Returned	109
Parties Registered for Notifications	96
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	19
Referrals	9
Release/Parole Inquiry	41
Other	38

Notifications	July
Registration	133
Movement	0
Advance Release	534
Final Release *	69
Death	6
Other	14

Announcements



Save the date for the 2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which will be observed April 18–24. The 2021 theme will be Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities. —that emphasizes the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime.

HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE VICTIMS OF CRIME

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICE AWARDS ★ ★ ★

Submit Your Nominations by
August 31, 2020

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WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF CRIME



Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-356-6767

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800.799.SAFE

Battered Women's Justice Project - 800.903.0111

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 877.MADD.HELP

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 800.843.5678

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline—1-855-558-6484

National Human Trafficking Hotline - 888.373.7888

Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund - 615.741.2734

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